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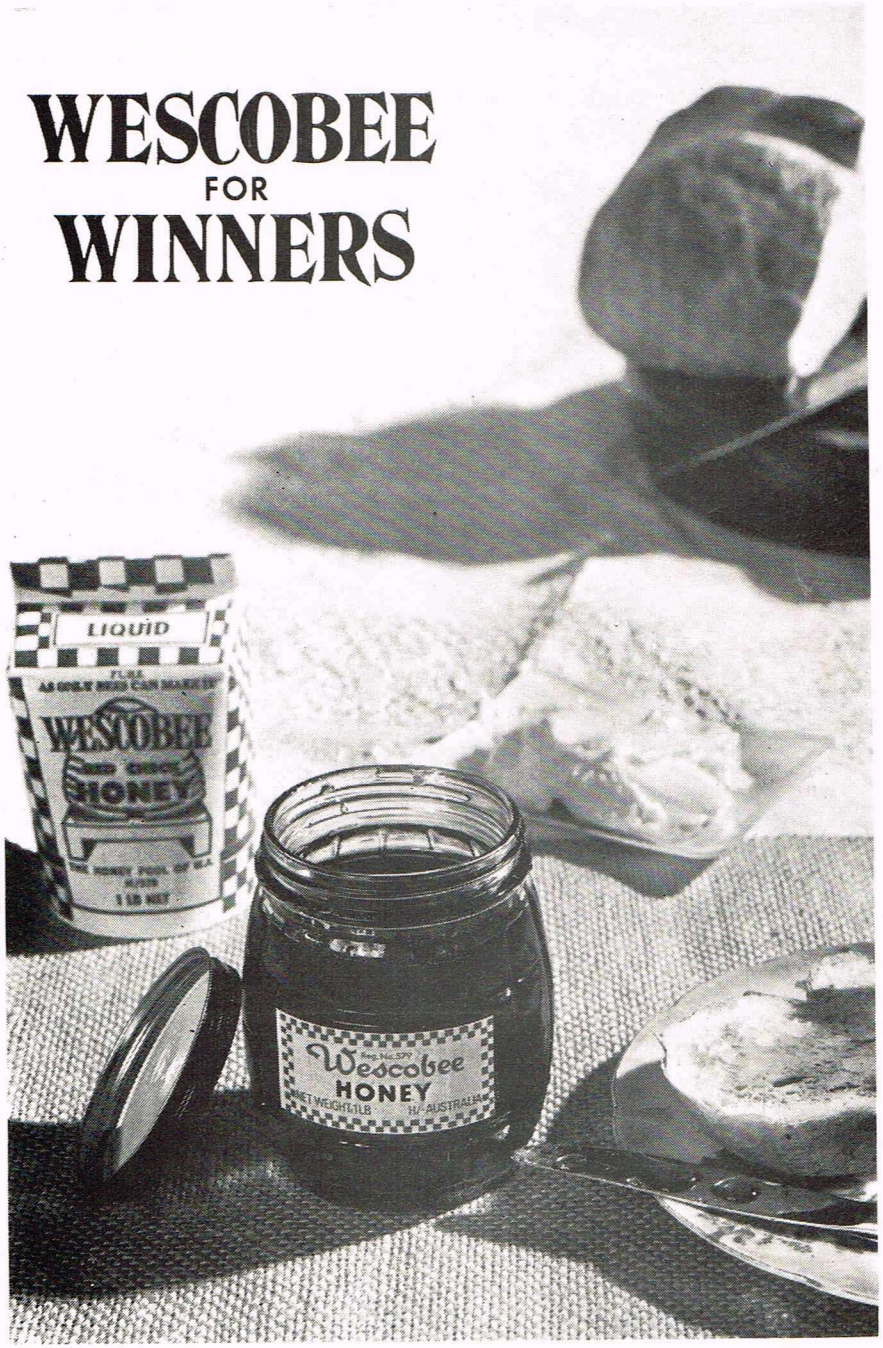

Foreword

This book is not intended to be a history of the South Suburban Murray National Football League. It is a resume of the League's seventeenth year but contains sufficient records and historical fact to allow you to gauge the success of Season '76.

Every season has its ups and downs but one need not look past the administrative strength of the League's executive, the improved performances of almost every team in the competition, increased support amongst award donors, the improved standard of umpiring and the record attendances during the finals to realise 1976 has been an outstanding year in the competition's short but illustrious history.

The League began its season under the control of its most experienced administrator, Mr. Reg Blackburn, who succeeded Mr. Stu Godber as President. It also boasted a new and energetic secretary in Mr Arthur Bruce, who succeeded Mr Blackburn in that post.

The season was not without traumas for the executive. In turn they had to deal with a threatened umpires' strike, the last minute cancellation of the annual inter-association game, the recurring problem of clearances to W.A.N.F.L. clubs and the resignation of the Protest and Disputes Board. That all problems were resolved quickly and without detriment to the competition was an endorsement of the executive's efficiency.

From a playing point of view, Maddington again emerged victorious.

Their professional attitude both on and off the field, has now been rewarded with three successive premierships — a feat never previously achieved in the S.S.M.N.F.L. They are the pacesetters in the competition and have emerged as probably the best football team in this State outside the W.A.N.F.L.

However, perhaps the most significant factor to come from the arenas this season was the general improvement in the standard of football and the improved showing by most teams on their 1975 performances.

Kelmscott, in particular, are to be commended on reaching the grand final under their new captain-coach, Eddie Donnes, after finishing out of the four the previous year. Kenwick and Canning also improved their seedings and all those sides now look capable of consolidating their places in the top half of the ladder. Two or three clubs, including Kalamunda and Mandurah found the pace of the competition too "hot" for one reason or another. Their problems appear to be either financial or constitutional and the onus is on both clubs to fight back. They owe it to the League to become contributors to the competition again and the League owes it to both clubs to assist where possible.

It would be appropriate at this stage to acknowledge the efforts made by Kelmscott, Kenwick and Armadale in recruiting three outstanding players in Donnes, Neil Dedman and Garry Greer to the League this season. All three were proven W.A.N.F.L. footballers and players and coaches of their calibre can only enhance the League's reputatuion.

Greer was quick to make his presence felt as a player and won the Dr. Bowden Medal, awarded to the League's Fairest and Best player, in a close poll from Maddington rover, Paul Mountain. Greer became the first Armadale player to win the award.

The Sunday Times Medal, awarded to the most consistent player in the competition, was won by Canning's dashing centreman, John Vlahov. His team mate and centreline colleague, Craig Nock, shared The Sports Review $100 Player of the Year Award with Kenwick rover, Geoff Truscott. Maddington's sensational aerialist, Jim Butler kicked a century of goals for the second successive season to win the Park Plumbers $100 goal kicking trophy.

The Patron's Trophy awarded to the fairest and best player in the Reserves competition, was won by Robbie Rundell of Mandurah.

The withdrawal of the West Australian Football Association from the annual inter-association game left the S.S.M.N.F.L. without a yardstick on which to compare its standard this season. However, the creditable performance put up by Maddington against the State Amateur side and the performances of S.S.M.N.F.L. sides in pre-season games, would suggest the League is still the strongest outside the W.A.N.F.L.

The abandonment of the inter-association game may, in fact, turn out to be a blessing in disguise. It prompted the League's executive to investigate the possibility of playing an interstate game against a comparable association. Time did not permit the game to eventuate this season but such a match, to be played either in the A.C.T., N.S.W., Victoria or South Australia, is a distinct possibility next season. Such a game would be a great recruiting incentive to all clubs and would again confirm the League's healthy reputation.

While the League's progressive thinking continues to ensure its success on a domestic level, the contributions made during the year by players who have left the competition are also significant. Kevin Hill emerged as a footballer of class during the W.A.N.F.L. finals round, Bryan Cousins established himself as a V.F.L. player with Geelong and Bill Dunne made his debut with South Fremantle. And of course the League's most famous footballing son, Graham "Polly" Farmer, has made another successful return to W.A. football as coach of East Perth.

The players and officials of the ten S.S.M.F.L. clubs have made yet another substantial contribution to West Australian football during the past twelve months. With the competitive spirit that exists on the League's ovals continuing to blend with the spirit of co-operation that exists around its conference tables, that contribution can only increase next season.

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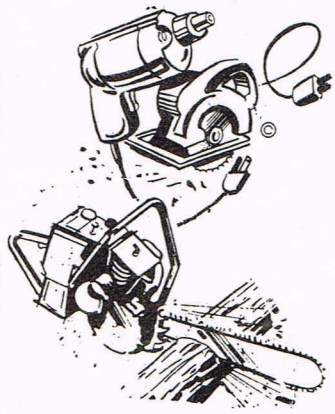

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PATRON'S MESSAGE

The end of our football season is here again and what a season it has been, except for one team, it was impossible to pick the final four. This, of course, indicates the high standard to which football has reached in the South Suburban.

I am also sure that all those people who have said soccer will eventually take over our Aussie Rules game must by now have had second thoughts about what they said. 'Aussie Rules' are here to stay and congratulations to the League Administration under the Chairmanship of Reg Blackburn in his first year as President.

In closing, may I extend my best wishes to the seconds finalists Gosnells and Kenwick and also the league finalists Maddington and Kelmscott.

TOM BATEMAN MLA

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Football has drawn to a close for the 1976 Season. Congratulations to the Premiers. We must now (and I mean now) start preparing for the 1977 season. I believe some clubs are looking for coaches, presidents, secretaries etc. I wish them luck. For those clubs who did not do so well this season, do not dispair, just have a look at your young players and see how they have improved, with the right leadership you can lead them onto greater achievements next season. For the supporters, who without your backing we would not have a League, Thank You.

Next season the League could see some changes, changes which will benefit both players and spectators. Next season part of the supporters job will be to bring along two new members to your club each week.

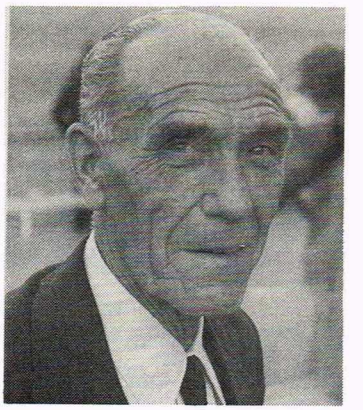
Delegates we have a constitution to work and lets get it done. I think three years is long enough to work on this type of thing.

For all the Award Winners congratulations. To the point, you have this season achieved footballs top awards, do not let it stop there, turn your talents to the juniors, give them the support that you have received through your football career. Gentlemen I guarantee that you will be well rewarded for your efforts.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the League executive and League delegates for the help and support that they have given me during the 1975 season.

Lets aim for greater achievements in 1977.

ARTHUR BRUCE



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The past season must rate as one of the most successful in our short but imposing history.

From the League's point of view the season consolidated our already healthy reputation both on and off the field.

Intelligent pre-season recruiting resulted in most clubs upgrading their standard of the previous season. The appearance of four different clubs in the two grand finals was also proof of one of our most even seasons. The premier clubs in Maddington (League) and Kenwick (Reserves) are to be congratulated, as are the respective runners-up, Kelmscott and Gosnells.

It would be appropriate at this stage to congratulate our umpires on their performances this season and in particular the Umpires' Advisor, Mr Ian Randall and his assistant, Mr. Brian Collett. The high standard of football was complemented by the high standard of umpiring this season.

The success of any competition depends not only on its competitions but also on its administrators. I was fortunate to have at my disposal an energetic and capable band of delegates who combined to make an immeasurable contribution to our success.

The appearance of new delegates and officials this season served to rejuvenate and motivate the executive with fresh ideas and enthusiasm. I would like to offer a special note of thanks to the League's secretary, Mr. Arthur Bruce, for his untiring efforts in his first season of administration with us. My sincere thanks also to my vice-presidents, Mr. Don Shepherd and Mr. Stu Godber and our treasurer, Mr. Rod Portsmouth for jobs well done.

I would also like to thank the donors of trophies and awards which have stimulated competition throughout the year.

While 1976 was a good year, 1977 promises to be even better and members and supporters of the league can rest assured the executive will not be dormant over the summer months.

The executive is working on three major issues that will enhance our competition in the future. They are:

- A new and stronger constitution which will be in operation by next season.
- An interstate trip, including a game against an equivalent association which is being arranged for the middle of next season.
- A new league structure which will comprise two divisions with the possibility of a promotion and relegation system.

With the development and completion of these proposals, the league must inevitably grow in stature.

In conclusion, I again thank all clubs for their outstanding contributions throughout the season. I wish them well in preparing for next season and look forward confidently to another prosperous year for the S.S.M.N.F.L. in 1977.

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PATRON:
TOM BATEMAN M.L.A. Tom has been associated with Junior and Senior Football in the District for many years. He became Patron of the Association in 1972 and for the past five years has devoted much of his time to the S.S.M.N.F.L.

PRESIDENT:
R. (Reg) BLACKBURN. Appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the South Suburban Football Association in 1954 until the merger with the Murray Districts Association in 1960. Appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the South Suburban Murray N.F.L. in 1960 and held that position until a Treasurer was appointed in 1967, continued as Secretary of the league up to the present time. Has served on all committees within the league. Secretary for three years and then elected as President for two years of the South Suburban Junior Football Association, Vice-President of the W.A. Country Football League from 1966 to 1973. Secretary and Delegate for the South West Football Council from 1962 to 1971. After 21 years of service to the Association Reg was elected President, a position which he richly deserved and one he has so ably filled.

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT:
DON SHEPARD coached Kelmscott in 1947. He was a delegate for that club for 12 years and was elected to their committee in 1962. He became Vice President for 1964 and 1965 and in 1966 was elected President of the League. Due to ill health, Don was unable to continue his activities within the league but was welcomed back as Senior Vice President this year.

JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT:
S. (Stu) GODBER. Played football for Maddington Football Club as a junior from 1953 to 1958; graduated into senior ranks from 1959 to 1969; played 155 league games with Maddington. Club delegate to the league in 1962 and 1965; served on the Maddington Club Committee in several capacities, including Assist. Secretary, Social Secretary, Social Manager, Secretary and Vice President. Appointed Junior Vice-President of S.S.M.N.F.L. in 1973, 1974 and 1976. In 1975 he served as President.

SECRETARY:
ARTHUR BRUCE came to W.A. in 1962 and coached Carlisle Juniors U/12's in 1970. Was President of Lynwood Junior Football Club from 1972 to 1975. In these years was U/12 coach in 1972, U/14 coach in 1973 and managed the U/15 team in 1974. He also umpired games in the East Fremantle Junior Council.

Arthur is a keen supporter of our game and has just completed a very successful first year as the Association's Secretary.

REGISTRAR:
WILMA BRUCE followed Harvey Football until 1948 and then Victoria Park Juniors. Whilst in Victoria Wilma was still a keen follower of football. On returning to W.A. she became involved with Carlisle Juniors, and in 1971 took a more active interest with two sons playing in 1974. She was elected as joint Manager with her husband Arthur, of the U/15's. With these years of football knowledge behind her Wilma was elected Registrar.

TREASURER:
ROD PORTSMOUTH. Rod, a Life Member of the Maddington Club played 139 games, mainly at full forward. He was their Treasurer for 8 years, Bar Treasurer for 2 years and Assistant Secretary for 4 years. Three years ago he became the League Treasurer.

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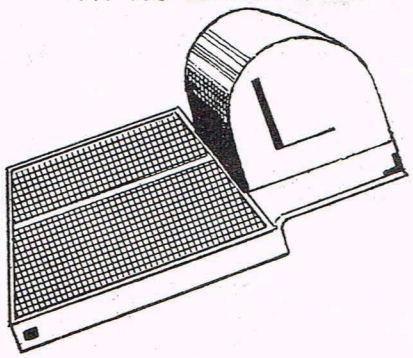

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LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	For	Agst.	%	Pts.
MADDINGTON	18	15	1	2	2635	1135	232.15	62
KELMSCOTT	18	15	-	3	2148	1563	137.42	60
KENWICK	18	14	1	3	2312	1223	187.04	58
GOSNELLS	18	12	-	6	1829	1503	121.68	48
CANNING	18	10	-	8	1877	1664	112.80	40
KWINANA	18	7	-	11	1797	2123	84.64	28
ARMADALE	18	6	1	11	1695	1853	91.47	26
THORNLIE	18	5	-	13	1727	2088	82.71	20
MANDURAH	18	4	1	13	1394	2429	57.38	16
KALAMUNDA	18	-	-	18	1462	2838	71.54	-

SECONDS

MADDINGTON	18	17	-	1	1964	564	348.22	68
KENWICK	18	15	-	3	2006	701	286.16	60
GOSNELLS	18	15	-	3	1806	1013	178.28	60
KELMSCOTT	18	11	-	7	1635	1245	131.32	44
KWINANA	18	9	-	9	1261	1350	93.40	36
THORNLIE	18	8	-	10	1143	1596	71.61	32
MANDURAH	18	8	-	10	1075	1589	67.65	32
CANNING	18	5	-	13	1007	1715	58.71	20
KALAMUNDA	18	2	-	16	760	2036	37.32	8
ARMADALE	18	1	-	17	874	1813	48.20	4

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DR. BOWDEN MEDAL

Fairest and Best in the League won by G. Greer of Armadale.

SUNDAY TIMES MEDAL

Most Consistent in the League won by J. Vlahov of Canning.

SPORTS REVIEW AWARD

Footballer of the Year in the League, votes cast by the Boundary Umpires won jointly by C. Nock of Canning and G. Truscott of Kenwick.

PATRON'S TROPHY

Fairest and Best in the Reserves won by R. Rundell of Mandurah.

SCOTT BROTHERS' TROPHY

Footballer of the Year in the Reserves won by R. Rundell of Mandurah.

FRED WATSON TROPHY

Leading Goal Kicker won by J. Butler of Maddington with 100 goals.

PARK PLUMBERS AWARD

Leading Goal Kicker $100 Cash Prize won by J. Butler of Maddington.

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Best Player in the League on votes cast by the two goal umpires won by R. Whyte of Thornlie.

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EXECUTIVE AWARD

Most Consistent in the Reserves Competition won by L. Bain of Gosnells.

THORNTON CHIVERS MEDAL

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1976 proved to be another successful season for our club. This was reflected on the field where both Senior sides finished on top of the ladder at the conclusion of the qualifyng game and all five Junior sides competed in the finals.

The loss of six or seven players from last year's Premiership side indicated a possible slide down the ladder. However, our active recruiting committee enticed three "old" Bulls back in Barry Stockden, Lindsay Reynolds and Guy Sherrington. They also recruited many new faces namely Lawrie Stockden, Colin Walker, John Duthie, Ted Weir, Ray Lawrie, Steve Jancey, Mark Platell, Dave Anderson, Allen Bank, Wayne Condon and Brian Perrin.

From last season's Junior ranks also emerged Dave Hayden, Dave Proctor and Brent Anderson. Other "old" Bulls making a comeback were Vince Slavin and Howard Mortimer, whilst halfway through the season two old timers making a very welcome return to the fold were Doug Bushell and Bruce Clarke.

This influx of new and old faces well and truly covered pre season losses and accounts for our healthy position at this stage.

Three players who we unfortunately lost during the season were Jim Di Carlo, (overseas holiday), Trevor Tregear (transferred in employment to Victoria) and Greg Reynolds (transferred to Karratha). The loss of these three was definitely felt by the respective sides but there were adequate numbers to ease the situation.

The League side won their first eleven games straight and were riding high on the crest of a wave and were then dumped the following match by a determined Canning team who revelled in the wet conditions to inflict our first defeat. The week after Kenwick added fuel to the fire when they tied with us at Kenwick Oval. The final siren had sounded when our new rover, Steve Jancey, kicked a goal to even the scores.

A four week speel then ensued as The Bulls played three weaker sides with Thornlie providing the most opposition. Confidence and form should have been recovered by then but a pacy, more determined and strong Kelmscott side ran all over us (In the previous encounter we had thrashed Kelmscott).

The premiership had appeared a foregone conclusion after eleven games but our two defeats and the drawn game injected life into the competition and brought us back to reality. What happened in the finals proved this and provided Dennis with his third successive coaching premiership.

Our Seconds Side are a close knit bunch now and that is probably due to some of the "characters" they have in the side, who have managed to bring everyone together. 'Characters" such as Mack (The Doc) Platell, Wayne "Horse" Condon, Dave "Harry" Anderson and of course Mad Mick and Marcus.

The reserves were undefeated up until their thirteenth game when arch rivals Kenwick matched the lead with seconds remaining and held on to win by three points.

Since then we have gone from strength to strength and are now a well balanced side with all the necessary attributes to be premiers. Gosnells and Kenwick are good sides also, and unfortunately we missed out on the coveted double premiership.

Congratulations must go to Dennis Cometti and Barry Stockden on getting their charges into the second semi-final and also to the selection and recruiting committees. A job well done.

Congratulations also to Paul Mountain on being the Runner-Up in the Association's Fairest and Best count and also to Dave (Dudsy) Reynolds on polling well in the Reserves Fairest and Best for the Association.

The best individual effort from our club would have to be from Jim (Jake) Butler who became the only player in the history of our competition to notch 100 goals in successive seasons. Jake played many games away from full forward, is not a hungry player but combines well with his teammates and his performance for the season was full of merit. Well done, Jumbo!

Our club fairest and best voting has just been concluded and congratulations must go to Dennis Cometti in the League and Dudsy Reynolds in the Seconds on winning the Fairest and Best Awards.

Voting details were: —
LEAGUE:
Dennis Cometti — 118 Votes — Fairest and Best
Paul Mountain — 91 votes — Most Consistent
Rod Mohr — 64 Votes — Best Position Player
Colin Walker — 60 votes — Most Constructive
Barry Stockden — 54 votes

SECONDS:
Dave Reynolds — 75 votes — Fairest and Best
Mick O'Halloran — 74 votes — Most Consistent
Mark Platell — 67 votes — Most Constructive
Greg Reynolds — 64 votes
Rooster Jarvis — 64
Brent Anderson — Most Improved Player.

With a resume of the Juniors achievements I will now hand over to the Juniors Manager, Chris MacNeall.

The Junior Bulls performed most credibly this season with every grade competing in the finals.

The 10's had a slow start to the season but stuck to their task and deserved their position in the four. Goals were elusive in the first Semi-Final and despite the fact that they doubled the opposition's scoring shots they were unfortunately eliminated.

The 12's also battled hard throughout the season and at one stage were only percentage out of second place. They earned their place in the four as well, but were also eliminated in the First Semi-Final. Adverse conditions, and what was one of those days when nothing goes right, saw the boys defeated but it certainly wasn't for the lack of trying.

The 14's were our glamour side of the year and were undefeated at the conclusion of the qualifying games. They had their first taste of defeat in the Second Semi Final, but they've since fought back.

The 16's were perhaps not our most talented side, but if Grand Finals were won by effort and dedication alone, then this side would have romped it in. The performance these boys put up in the First Semi Final was a credit to their Coach and Manager and most of all to themselves. They were very unlucky to lose.

The 18's have produced some brilliant football this season and have lost only one game which was at the start of the season and they lost this by the narrowest of margins. Their brilliance was sustained in the Second Semi Final and they took the easy road to the Grand Final.

In summing up these boys' efforts it is obvious that the Coaches and Managers of EVERY grade have worked tirelessly throughout the season and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them, their helpers and their players for a job well done. I would also like to thank my committee and the parents for their assistance. It was invaluable and I feel bore just rewards.

A word of warning to everyone tied up in football — LOOK AFTER OUR JUNIORS, DON'T NEGLECT THEM OR YOU NEGLECT OUR GAME.

I will now hand you back to our scribe.

On the Social side I would like to pay tribute to Garry Maskiell and his Fund Raising Committee for their efforts to vary entertainment and to attract the crowds. We've had several good cabarets, a good Annual Ball and a very 'Happy Sunday Morning'.

The response to these functions by some of our members and players has left a lot to be desired however, and this has been a great disappointment to Garry and his band. Without these functions our club would collapse (like any other club or association). So please let's be a bit more patriotic.

In closing I would like to thank the many, many workers, donors and supporters who have contributed to our cause in the 1976 season. If I started to name them I would no doubt overlook someone and that would be about the best way there is to make enemies.

Next year there could be radical changes in our administration and set up. Support our committee and club in general as you have done in the past and I have no doubt that once again the Bulls will reign supreme. Four for Bevan in 77.

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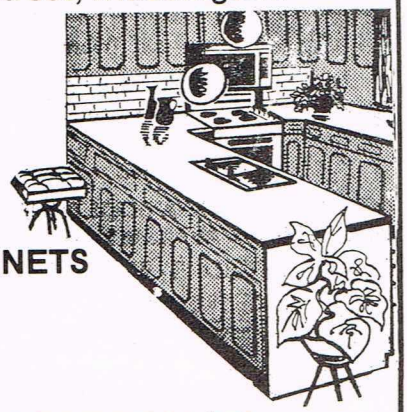

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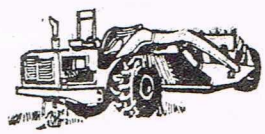

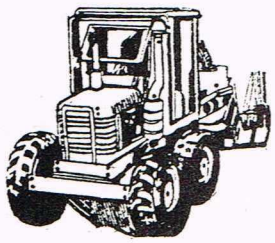

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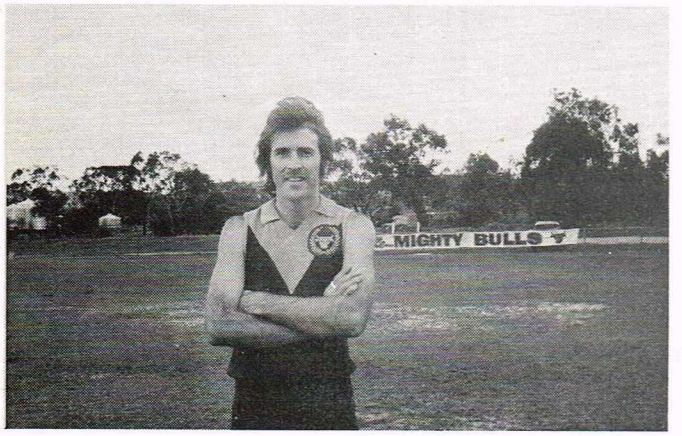
Centre (from left): J. Cominelli, W. Reynolds, (Head Trainer), S. Jancey, B. Stockden, G. Mason, C. Tincknell, R. Lawrie.
Front (from left); J. Moss (Trainer), T. Weir, J. Butler, G. Sherrington, P. Mountain, D. Cometti (Coach), I. Saunders, L. Reynolds.
Absent: A. Riley, T. Tregear.

MADDINGTON SECONDS SIDE 1976
Rear (from left) B. Stockden (Coach), C. MacNeall (Runner), E. Parker, D. Bushby, D. Reynolds, R. O'Halloran (Vice-Capt), W. Condon C. Bunce, D. Bushell, G. Rothnie (Property Man)
Centre (from left): D. Anderson, H. Mortimer, P. Perrin, B. Clarke, A. Bank, M. Schmook.
Front (from Left): J. Moss (Trainer), B. Anderson, L. Jarvis (Captain), J. Slavin, D. Walker, M. Platell, W. Reynolds (Head Trainer), D. Hayden, Vince Slavin.
Absent: D. Proctor, M. Parkin.



Leading Goalkicker 1976 Season — Jim Butler (100 goals)

Selection Committee 1976

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Season 1976 enhanced the Kelmscott Football Club claim to be one of the strengths of the South Suburban Murray National Football League. Success has not only been confined to the League and Reserves sides but the Junior sides have been amongst the leaders in all grades.

One particular highlight of the Junior grades was the dominance of Kelmscott players in the Fairest and Best voting. Special credit must go to the coaches of these sides. Junior football is of great importance to any League Club with over 50% of the curent League and Reserve training lists comprising of boys who have graduated through the grades.

Eddie Donnes in his first year as coach has instilled into the players his own professional attitutde and fanatical will to win. New recruits to the Club in the season Paul Vasoli, Michael Johnson, B. Sutherland and the return of Bill Woodhams backed up by a contingent of seasoned players gave Eddie Donnes a strong nucleus of players at his command. The reward for the hard work was 15 wins for the qualifying rounds and a chance at the premiership that has eluded Kelmscott since 1962.

The Reserves side coached by Peter Edwards were once again able to participate in the finals after finishing second in 1975. Many new faces were included in the lineup to the previous year, so the side was a mixture of yuoth and mature players. Kelmscott bears out the fact that you are only as strong as your reserves.

The South Suburban Murray National Football league becomes more professional each year and in order to remain amongst the leaders, the Kelmscott Football and Sportsmans Club Inc. have embarked on a programme to finance and build premises to be licenced, so that members and their guests can be better catered for. Approval was gained from the Armadale - Kelmscott shire council to go ahead with the project, finance being arranged by the Shire through a self supporting loan. If the provisional certificate is granted, the buildig should be construct by February and in full operation for the 1977 season.

The proposed building will be erected on a portion of land on the Eastern side of the present complex. Requirements of the Shire Council mean't that the building had to be of similar design to the existing buildings and also on the same level. To make this possible the building will be constructed on a suspended concrete raft with development of the undercroft section at a latter date when funds become available.

Season 1976 heralded the start of a new era, 1977 promises great things for players and members alike.

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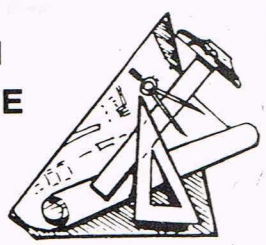

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League Coach: Eddie Donnes.
Reserves Coach: Peter Edwards.
Selection Committee: Eddie Donnes, Peter Edwards, Trevor Riley.

AWARDS 1976.

Fairest and Best League: Kim Turner
Runner Up: Paul Vasoli
Fairest and Best Reserve: Terry Hilderbrandt
Runner Up Terry Bewsher.

KELMSCOTT LEAGUE SIDE 1976.

Three of Kelmscott's Better Players in the Preliminary Final Left to Right Paul Vasoli, Bill Woodhams and Kim Turner

MIGHTY ROYALS

KENWICK FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

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Secretary: Graydon Eddy
Treasurer: Arthur Mills Jnr.
Committee: Graham Walker, Dennis Wheat, Brian O'Donnell, Terry Tilby, Brian Walker, Ray Shepherd, Peter Perham, Barry Nicholas.

1975 was a year of fluctuating fortunes for the "Mighty Royals."

The League side started off the season well, but could only manage sixth position on the Premiership ladder at the close of the final round of football.

However to compensate for this, the Reserve side returned once more to the victory dais, by defeating Kelmscott for the Premiership flag in a game full of merit and a top class standard of football exhibited by both sides at Gosnells Oval. This year veteran Darryl Ogg not only won the Clubs Fairest and Best in the Reserve side, but the League Association award also.

To win a League Grand Final, Club officials realised an extensive recruiting campaign was necessary and the 1976 committee set about this task with great determination.

Firstly a recruiting committee was formed, followed by , for the first time in the Club's history a Businessmens Association. Neil Dedman (ex East Fremantle) was oppointed coach and John Risely (ex Carlisle Amateurs) appointed assistant coach.

The recruiting campaign brought talented newcomers into the side in Geoff Truscott, Leon Ryan, Alf Stal, Kevin Dale and Kim Lynch when ably supported by local talent in Kevin Wilson, brothers Barry and Graham Nicholas, Kim Lofts, Brian Thompson, Ray Winduss, Garry Holbrook and Steve Dillon, formed a formidable eighteen.

At the end of the final round, the "Mighty Royals" were firmly entrenched in the final four, with 58 points, only 4 points behind leaders Maddington, and 2 behind second place contenders Kelmscott.

A highly satisfying result for the Club's recruiting committee and Coaches Neil Dedman and John Riseley. We all know final round games are a different brand of football to normal fixtures.

The League side met Gosnells in the First Semi-Final, came out victorious in a game marred by errors on both sides, and earned the right to meet Kelmscott in the Preliminary Final. It was not, the Royals day, as Kelmscott paced away to a seven goal victory and ended our hopes for that elusive first ever Grand Final Pennant.

On the year a very creditable performance, and congratulations to this very talented 1976 League Side.

Despite this defeat, the Club spirit was burning brightly within our Reserve ranks, whom having gained second spot on the ladder, brushed all opposition aside to meet Gosnells in the Grand Final play off.

Before a record crowd, these two sides provided the public with one of the most exciting games ever witnessed.

At half time Gosnells led by three points. Soon after commencement of the third quarter, Gosnells raced away to a six goal lead.

To counter this, strategic moves were made by Coach John Riseley. Mick Catalano who was a runner all day on the wing was moved to centre, Norm Miller to a wing and veteran John Eddy onto the ball. The moved clicked, away went the Royals, kicked six goals and were down three points against lemons.

The last quarter was a cliff hanger, Kenwick regained the lead and went on to win the big one by five points.

Mick Catalano was voted best man on the ground, and other players who gave their all were Ken Staines, Capt. Daryll Ogg, Mick Cornwall, Neil Fry, Mike Strang, John Eddy and John Hart.

A magnificent team effort by all, and a credit to the indominatable sprint of Kenwick's Reserve sides, who have now won five of the last six Grand Final pennants.

Congratulations to this grand and victorious Reserve side of 1976.

FAIREST AND BEST AWARDS 1976.

League: John Riseley
Runner Up: Geoff Truscott
Reserves: Ken Staines
Runner Up: Mike Strang

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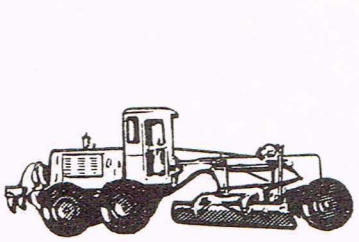

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In a closely contested count John Riseley narrowly defeated Geoff Truscott for the Les Sharp Fairest and Best medal award.

Both John and Geoff joined the club this year. John after pre-season training with Perth Football Club, and Geoff from South Fremantle Colts.

Geoff Truscott was the club's top goal scorer with 60 goals, and second to Jim Butler of Maddington as the association leading goal-kicker. He also dead heated with C. Nock of Canning Football Club for The Sports Review Award and was fourth in the Footballer of the Year award. A very creditable performance for this player's first year in S.S.M.N.F.L.

No. 1 rover Ken Staines winner of the Reserves Fairest and Best award came up through the club's junior ranks, and has a great future with the Senior football club. Mike Strang joined Kenwick in 1973, played with Kalannie Football Club in 1974, 1975 and returned to his old club this year. Mike played a number of league games also during the season.

On Sunday May 30th against Mandurah Ray Winduss joined the select band of players who have recorded 100 or more League games for the Club.

1976 heralded several changes within the Club. For the first time the Mighty Royals fielded both League and Reserve sides in coloured shorts, and arena advertising was inaugurated.

A social manager was appointed and was very ably and professionally conducted under the management of Peter Perham, who worked tirelessly to make the year's social activities the success all members desired.

Our thanks to Peter, his wife and supporters for a job well done.
This year we had a very energetic and enthusiastic administration committee with Joe Sweeney as President, and we feel sure all members and supporters will agree that the Club prospered under Joe's leadership.

To our stalwart trainer Frank McGrotty and his assistant Colin Perry we owe thanks for their enthusiasm and continued effort working on the players to ensure their fitness during the season.

We now move into 1977 with the same enthusiasm and desire we exhibited this year in an endeavour to strive and maintain our Club as in the past.

Let 1977 be the year to win a Grand Final, and let us all strive towards this goal.

KENWICK LEAGUE SIDE 1976 — PRELIMINARY FINALISTS

Back Row: (Left to Right) (Standing) C Perry (Asst. Trainer), R. Thompson (Trainer) G. Eddy (Secretary), K. Wilson, G. Holbrook, T. Gilbert, K. Loft, S. Dillon, J. Gilbert, G. Narrier, L. Ryan, J. Oliver Snr. (Vice Pres.) F. MacGrotty (Head Trainer)
Middle (Sitting) M. Strang, W. Robbins, B. Nicholas, G. Nicholas, N. Dedman (Capt. Coach), J. Riseley (Assist Coach), W. Ogg, D. Backhouse, T. Quinn, R. Shepherd.
Front (Kneeling) G. Worthington, A. Stal, R. Martin, G. Truscott, B. Thompson, J. Prezensa.
Inset — R. Winduss (also played 100th game against Mandurah May 30, for Club)
Missing from Side — K. Dale, N. Benvenue.

KENWICK RESERVE SIDE 1976 — PREMIERSHIP WINNERS
Back Row (Left to Right) (Standing) C. Perry (Asst Trainer), R. Thompson (Trainer), G. Eddy (Secretary), A.A. Mills, D. Paul, M. Cornwall, A. Beattie, J. Riseley (Coach), J. Eddy, T. Gilbert, W. Ogg, J. Holbrook, J. Oliver (Snr Vice Pres.), F. Macgrotty (Head Trainer)
Middle Row (Sitting) P. Roberts, W. Hill, G. Walker, G. Nicholas, M. Strang, N. Fry, G. Fielder, J. Oliver (Jnr.) T. Quinn, R. Shepherd
Front Row (Kneeling) N. Miller, K. Staines, A. Earnshaw, D. Ogg (Capt.), W. Hansen, B. O'Donnell, N. Catalano.
Missing: J. Hart, N. Benvenue, J. Sweeney (President)

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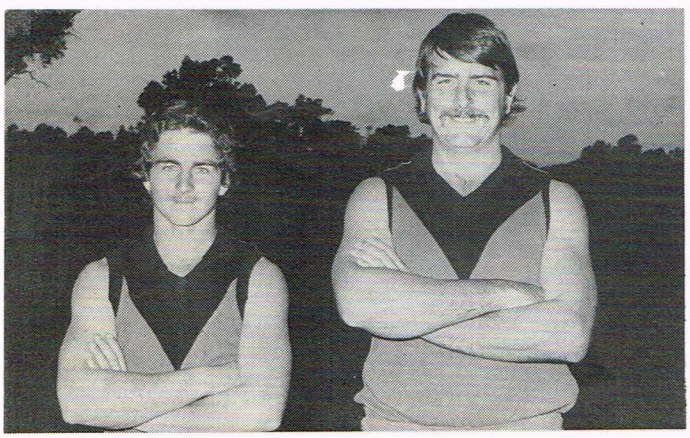

FAIREST AND BEST AWARD — LEAGUE 1976
G. Truscott - Runner Up (Short One), J. Risely —Fairest and Best

FAIREST AND BEST AWARD — RESERVE SIDE 1976
Left to Right M. Strang — Runner Up (Tall One)
K. Staines — Winner Fairest and Best Award

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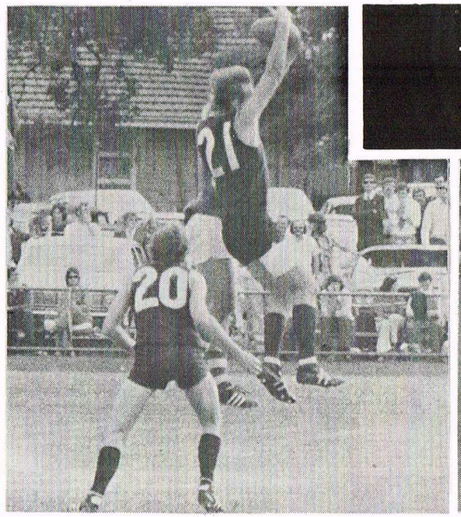

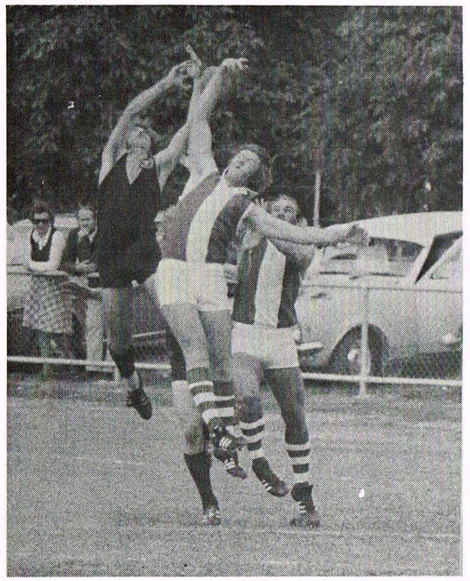

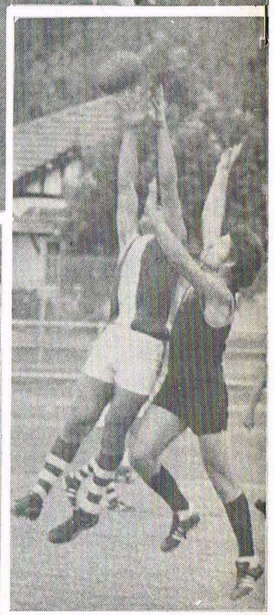

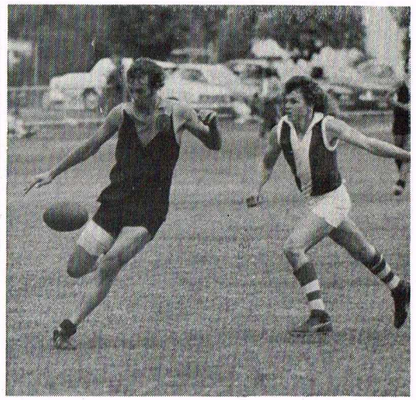

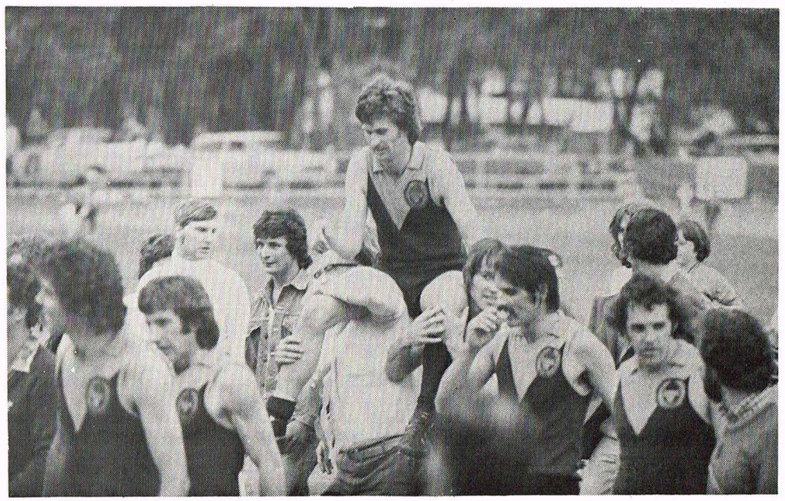

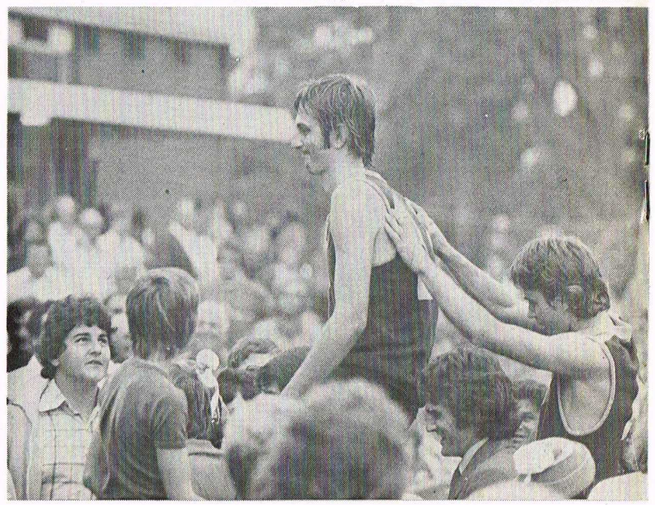

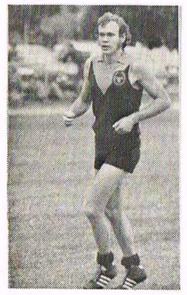

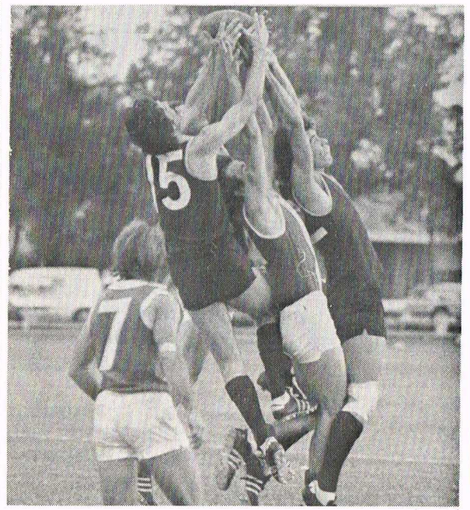

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1976 was again another successful year for "The Hawks", although premiership honours eluded the Club.

The League team, after a brilliant start to the season faded over the latter part and were defeated by Kenwick in the first semi-final by the margin of three points. Many new players were recruited to the Club this year and all performed creditably.

It was unfortunate that an arm injury kept one of our best recruits, in centreman Barry Woodhead, out of the side for a major part of the season.

The Reserves team, ably coached by Norm Barratt experienced the most successful season the Club has had for many years.

The team only lost four games for the season which unfortunately included the reserves Grand Final against Kenwick, in which they were defeated by a mere five points. The players are to be congratulated on their dedication and spirit shown throughout the season.

Congratulations to Lee Bain on his League Executive Trophy for being runner-up to the Fairest and Best in the Reserves competition.

Club trophy winners for 1976 will not be known until the Annual Dinner but the Club would like to record the efforts of the following players in winning trophies for the 1975 season.

League Fairest and Best 1975: Mr. Len Marsh
Reserves Fairest and Best 1975: Mr. Kevin Little
Thirds Fairest and Best 1975: Mr. Murray James.

True indication to the responsible position of Coach of our Thirds Team, displayed by Mr. Lex Howden, was responsible for a big improvement in the success achieved by that team this year.

After winning the 1st Semi-Final against Kelmscott the team was narrowly defeated by Armadale in the preliminary final.

Lex and his players are to be congratulated on their performance and the Club is looking forward to seeing many of the players progressing to the league and Reserves teams in the years to come.

Trophy honours for the Thirds went to the following players:
Fairest and Best: Victor West
Runner Up: Steven Wright
Most Consistent: Paul Pink
Best Position: Peter Hyatt
Most Improved: Simon Stanning.

A special mention must be made also of Brett Bowden who played well for a major part of the season and who only narrowly missed out on a trophy.

The Club has experienced a difficult year due to the acquisition of our licensed club permit which we endeavoured to utilise from the small store room in the present social hall.

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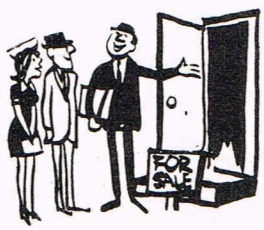

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The Club is quietly confident that the 1977 season will again prove to be a successful one for the Club and members and supporters can anticipate "The Hawks" being back in the firing line for premiership honours.

In closing this report the Gosnells Football and sportsmans club Inc. would like to offer its sincere congratulations to the League Secretary, Mr. Arthur Bruce and the League Registrar, Mrs. Bruce for the work and effort they have afforded the League this year. We Trust they have enjoyed their first year with the League and that they will continue their good work for many years.

GOSNELLS LEAGUE TEAM — 1976
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Third Row: T. Dudley (Trainer), L. Millsteed, G. Reynolds, K. Harris, D. Rice, S. Moore, K. Smith, E. Scubbs (Trainer), S. Ward (Comm.)
2nd Row: P. Garrett (Life Member), K. Reynolds, P. Dougan (Capt. Coach), G. Green, E. Croft, B. Lester, D. Kitson.
Front Row: A. Jones, K. Palinkas, S. Websdale, J. Lennon, M. James

GOSNELLS RESERVES TEAM — 1976
Back Row: R. Collins, E. Scudds (Trainer), G. Hambleton, G. Denning, L. Marsh, N. Barratt (Coach)
4th Row: T. Dudley (Trainer, N. Zukowski, B. Antunovich, S. Latham, P. Richards, C. Pollock (Vice-Pres.), B. Lutter (Committee)
3rd Row: A. Arnold, R. Morphett, L. Wean, L. Newbey, J. McSwain, R. Dorja, J. Lennon.
2nd Row: P. Morrison, A. Myers, L. Bain, L. Millsteeed, S. Morrell.
Front Row: D. Rice, G. Campbell (Capt., N. Siragusa, T. Barker.

GOSNELLS UNDER 19'S — 1976
Back Row: N. Barry (Team Manager), K. Jenyns (Trainer) C. Race, S. Wright, M. Walling, R. Greville, N. Whiteley, R. McCleary, L. Howden (Coach)
Middle Row: I. York, B. Bowden, J. Wright, C. Dawud, M. Taylor, M. PcPhail
Front Row: T. Painter, I. Woodhams, S. Stanning, P. Pink, V. West, G. Reynolds, C. Thompson.

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Seconds: Greg Sladden

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Head Trainer: Ken Pember.

AWARD WINNERS

LEAGUE:
Fairest and Best: Craig Nock.
Runner Up: Peter Kimberley
Best Position: John Vlahov
Most Consistent: Greg Green
Most Courageous: Ron Wilcox
Most Improved: John McGurk
Leading Goalkicker: Vic Cizeika

SECONDS:
Fairest and Best: Gordon Hunter
Runner Up: Ian Campbell
Best Position: Chris Johns
Most Consistent: Ron Hunter
Most Courageous: Darryl Fisher.

Coronation Hotel Bumper Board Award — Peter Kimberley.
Best Clubman Trophy: Hec Cooper.

LIFE MEMBERS: M. Luckwood, J. Noble, J. Worth, G. Fogarty, C. Treasure, R. Hayward, D. Fogarty, H. Cooper, D. Carney, T. Parker.

Dawn Hayward and Harry Turner were successfully nominated and honoured for their services to the club with Life Membership this season.

The 1976 season proved to be on of both reward and frustration. Our reward has been re-election once again as a power in the S.S.M.N.F.L. competition, with the frustration being our inability to overcome an unbelievably poor start to the season, with subsequent omission from the top four and a place in the finals.

From a dismal 1975 performance when success in only five games placed the club in the bottom category, 1976 saw Canning realise their potential mid-season to become the first side to achieve the theoretical impossible — a victory over Maddington!

A string of seven consecutive wins then followed and some finals contenders were known to breathe a sigh of relief when the task of making the top four proved beyond the Tigers. With the likelihood of retaining the bulk of our league side and continuance of our recruiting programme the 1977 season should see Canning occupying it's rightful place in the four.

Canning fared particularly well in the major S.S.M.N.F.L. best player awards this season. Craig Nock tied for the Sports Review Sunday Footballer of the Year while John Vlahov won the Sunday Times Medal, was a close third in the S.S.M.N.F.L. Fairest and Best and at the time of writing was leading in Kenwick Motors Trophy.

1976 saw the Canning Football Club formed into an incorporate body and become thereafter known as the Canning Football and Sportsmans Club (Inc.). This was a necessary step along the way to the building of our licensed social premises. With much of the groundwork done along these lines, it remains only to obtain final council consent on our loan request to commence building. The project is long awaited and one vital to our successful re-emergence as a top club. Assurance is given that the present committee is geared to move into action when given the green light by council.

Our Ladies committee, under the capable leadership of Vera Fogarty, most surely ranks as the finest in the league. Their hard working efforts have once again provided first class amenities for our activities and substantially added to our fund raising programme. No club can fully succeed without such a body and the club is indebted to their services.

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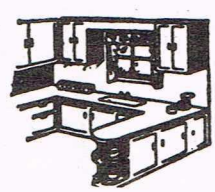

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In retrospect, we see the Tigers poised to re-enter the competition as a major force. It will require further concerted effort by committee, players, members and supporters alike, but the chance is there, and a united effort can erase previous dark years and once again turn on the lights, to coin a phrase, a Wyong.

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OFFICE BEARERS 1976 SEASON.

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Committee: T. Bissett, C. Aston, B. Kearney, R. Roberts.
League Coaches: K. Frazer and J. Lange.
Asst. Coach: M. Lloyd.

After winning 14 games and playing the first semi final in 1975 the 1976 season was a disappointing one for the club. We only managed to win 7 games and we slipped to sixth position. A lot of reasons have been put forward for our slump — we didn't recruit sufficiently, we had a lot of injuries etc. Perhaps these are partly true, but I do feel that the dedication and application of previous years was missing and this was the principal reason for not doing as well as expected.

The league team started the season well with a win but from then on things didn't go well. During the first round we were in a position to win at least two extra games but this did not eventuate. In the second round, although only winning one extra game, there was an improved performance. In all losing games, with the exception of that against Maddington, the winning margin was reduced.

A pleasing feature was the improved form of some of the new players in the league side. Graham Howe, Danny Roberts, Clive Vernals, "Razz", John McBride and Doug Ridley all established themselves as regular league players while Alan Draggett, a ruckman last season, held down centre-half back with distinction.

During the season a lot of players missed many games because of injury. John Legena, John Lange, Mick Indich, Don Baskerville, Noel Van Heythuysen, Ron Caporn, Garry Cukrov and Warren Turnbull were most unlucky in this regard. This threw a heavy burden on regulars such as Frank Legena, Ron De Boer, "Butch" Keep, Terry Lloyd and Murray Lloyd and their performance was a great one.

A vote of thanks is also owing to both league coaches. Kevin and John tried very hard to lift the side and their efforts are much appreciated.

The reserves team improved considerably as the season progressed and had a chance of making the four with two games to go. It was very pleasing to see young players like Mark Griffin, Rob Inder-Smith and Charlie Biddle do so well in their first year out of juniors. Another improving player in his second season was Mike Donovan. These players received a lot of encouragement and assistance during the year from experienced players in Ron Roberts, Garry Ross, Garry Frazer, "Sandy" Muir and Ted Riseberry.

Murray Lloyd in his second season as Reserves coach again did an excellent job. He has been an acquisition to the club as a coach, a player and a clubman.

Finally a word of thanks to the many people outside the committee who assisted throughout the season. These include Peter Pellegrini and his social committee; Ann Bisett, Jan Pellegrini, Kerry Lloyd, Peter Kennan and all the ladies who operated the canteen. Doreen Ranurez who organised the raffles. Angela Aston who again proved ever willing to assist anywhere and everywhere she could and everyone who assisted in any way.

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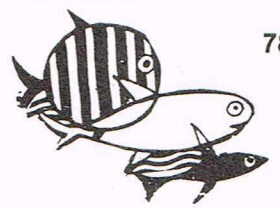

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Centre Row: D. Roberts, J. Lange (Coach), D. McGlade, G. Howe, W. Turnbull, K. Riley, N. Van Heythuysen
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Centre Row: N. Van Heythuysen, N. Swann, A. Proctor, J. Read, K. Swetman, M. Wood, T. Mannion.
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1976 club trophy winners;

LEAGUE:
Fairest and Best: Gary Greer and Max Van (Tie)
Runner Up: Bill Griffiths
Most Consistent: Peter Gajda.
Best Position: Peter Wilkes
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Fairest and Best: Mike Meloncelli
Runner Up: Phil Heron
Most Consistent: John Rowe
Best Position: Wayne Hand
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UNDER 18'S
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Runner Up: Ivan Vudrag
Most Consistent: Russell Stevens and Alan Henderson (Tie)
Best Clubman: Peter O'Mara
Most Improved: Rod Nairn.

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1976 SEASON'S PERFORMANCE

LEAGUE:
Won six and drew one for 26 points, finished 7th in table with the best percentage out of the four of 91.47%. Captain-coach: Gary Greer Vice-capt Bill Griffiths. Best win: Beat Gosnells at Gosnells, something not done for many years. This side proved itself capable of beating any side, gave Maddington and Kelmscott a big fright, an unexplained habit of going downhill in the third quarter of nearly every game cost this side many games. Finally overcame this problem late in the season. Total of 36 players played in this side over the season, testimony of willingness to promote players, and drop players not performing to standard required. This side proved to be one of the fittest and fastest in the competition. Lack of big heavy built players often proved the deciding factor when faced with big men pressure. Gary Greer has welded a team willing to fight to the final siren, and with correct recruiting, coupled with Gary's appointment as coach for 1977 should make the club's 65th year one to remember.

Biggest highlights: Gary Greer won S.S.M.N.F.L.'s Fairest and Best player for 1976, and Brian "Killer" Davey's 150th League appearance for club on 8.8.76 at Gwynne Park against Thornlie which the Demons won. Killer awarded Life Membership of club for his services as a player. Club sincerely congratulates Gary and Killer.

RESERVES:
Won 2 games for 8 points, finished 9th thereby avoiding the wooden spoon once again. Coach: Johnie Rowe. Capt Philip 'Fish' Heron.

Best Win: Convincing win over Thornlie at Gwynne Park late in season. Best Game: Against Maddington at Maddington, though losing, fought tenaciously for 100 minutes and forced Maddington into one of their lowest scores for the season. This side is the hardest to weld into one unit for many reasons, promotion of players, players not consistent two weeks running, some players unable to play each week. 59 players used over one season speaks for the many combinations tried in an effort to get the best 20. John Rowe is to be congratulated on his sheer perseverance and enthusiasm for his team, and Fish

Heron's contribution to the club a whole was tremendous, a clubman of the highest order, an example to us all. This team as with all our teams, is a very happy, friendly bunch of blokes, an asset of great value to their moral which rarely faltered throughout the season.

UNDER 18's:

This side proved once again, that the Junior Football club produces the best players in their age group with almost monotonous consistency year after year. Hardly lost a game all season, only to fall in the grand final, which taking the season as a whole is not a true reflection of the strength of this side. Many of these players will join the senior players next season adding more to the healthy competition for places in the team.

SUPPORTERS:

Tough the League and Reserves did not win as many games as hoped, the support at games from the Demon followers was loyal and of a large number. The away game support was the best of any club. A sincere thanks goes to all our supporters, sponsors, donors, men, women and youngsters for their work, time and money put into the club for the past year, and look forward to their continued support in 1977.

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PEEGEE

LEAGUE SIDE

Back Row (Left to Right) D. Alexander (trainer), P.G. Cavill (Secretary), P. Van Helden, J. Erceg, J.R. Bavich (Snr. Vice President) P. Griffiths, C. Tenardi, P. Wilkes, Mr. Bingham S. Erceg, J. Knezevich, K. Trott, J. Greenwood, J. Connell, D. Lee (Jnr. Vice-President), R. Lakeman (Trainer), P. Jackson (Trainer), D.K. Cable (President)
Middle Row: G. Barratt, F. Lutey, B. Davey, G. Greer (Capt-Coach), P. Gajda, M. O'Mara, C. Towers
On Ground: W. Griffiths (Vice-capt) B. McGrath.

RESERVES

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THORNLIE FOOTBALL CLUB (INC).

Thornlie players and members anxiously awaited the centre bounce down at Kwinana Oval on April 11, 1976 to determine whether the club's recruiting campaign had been successful and to compare the new recruits with some of the 11 players of last seasons team who had retired or could no longer be active with the club owing to transfers in employment.

This our seventh season in the South Suburban Murray National Football League commenced with mixed fortunes, with the Reserves winning an evenly contested game by 5 points and the League side losing a very tight game by the margin of 4 points.

Bob Whyte confirmed the recruiting committee's confidence in him by kicking 7 goals 8 points from centre half forward in this game.

Bob went on to win the S.S.M.N.F.L. Footballer of the Year award.

As the season progressed and games became difficult to win, coaches Fred Seinor and Dave Morcom promoted young players into the side. Players such as Greg Taylor, Bruce Duplock and Neil Corker and Wayne Lloyd, playing with experienced players in Fred Seinor, Ray Dalton, Alan Osborne, Peter Gurney and Steve and Bob Whyte, soon consolidated their place in the side and with the experience gained this season, will be assets to the Lions for many years to come.

Coach Morcom had his Reserves players competing for positions in that side and team spirit was at an all time high.

Unfortunately injuries to both sides meant that the best Resrves players were promoted to the League team and consequently they had to surrender their position in the top four — a position they held for the major part of the season.

The year also saw club president Ian Medley resign owing to a transfer in his employment to the island of Nauru.

Ian took over the leadership of the club in November 1972 and during his term as president the club enjoyed great success with the League team contesting a preliminary final and the Reserves participating in a grand final. Social rooms were also opened in Dec., 1974.

Behind every man is a good woman — Ruth Hedley also contributed greatly to the club and was the recipient of the best clubman trophy in 1975.

With the loss of Ruth and Ian 1976 saw Bruce Comley elected president.

Bruce has been connected with the club since 1970 and has in his short term as president, proved to be a worthy successor to Ian.

Bruce and his committee, are determined to make 1977 a period of activity and the Thornlie Football and Sportsman's Club (Inc.) is bound to prosper under Bruce's guidance.

The junior players of the club met with mixed success and congratulations go to the Under 10's on their grand final win.

David Ahern and his juniors committee have had a very successful year with a record number of boys wearing the green and gold guernsey.

Fred Taylor, as usual, has been active as team manager for the Under 18's and has been a great supporter of the club.

Everyone who enters Thornlie Oval always receives a few words of welcome from club stalwart "Pop" Briant.

Pop also joined the club in 1970 and as well as having the distinction of being our oldest member is now our newest life member.

Socially the club has gone from strength to strength and our thanks go to Robin Miller and her band of helpers for conducting this important part of the club.

The judges votes Alan Osborne to be the Fairest and Best player for the league side in 1976 and Ray Dalton was runner-up, Steve Whyte was the most consistent, Gavin Denton was voted best team man and Greg Taylor best positional player.

In the Reserves Steve Phillips was voted Fairest and Best with Steve Vickers being runner-up. Harry Zanetti and Alex Nie were judged most consistent and best team man respectively.

The Ahern Medal for the best first year player was awarded to Bruce Duplock.

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(Front Row) A. Osborne, G. Winston, D. Evans, F. Senior (Captain Coach), B. Duplock, S. Elliott, W. Lloyd.

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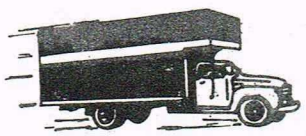

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MANDURAH FOOTBALL CLUB

After a promising beginning, the 1976 season proved to be a frustrating and disappointing one for the Mandurah Football Club. This year saw the election of a new and enthusiastic committee. The Office Bearers of which were:
President: Robbie Rundell
Senior Vice President: Bill Hough
Junior Vice President: Danny Hillen
Secretary: John Guilfoyle
Treasurer: Kerry Fandry
Committee: Barry Watkins, Trevor Allbones, Neil Williams, John Williams, Richard King and Greg Rundell.

The appointment of first year coach Norbert Fandry brought fresh enthusiasm and hopes were high during the pre season training. At that time Mandurah staged a very successful knock-out competition in which eight teams competed, including some from the South Suburban League. The competition was won by Mt. Lawley Amateurs but Mandurah did extremely well to be runners up. There was an abundance of players attending training and form was good and expectations were very high for the coming season.

The season began very well for the team as they won the first three games, which was as many as they had won in the whole of the 1975 season. Admittedly they were some of the weaker teams of the competition, but these successes were sufficient to keep spirits in the club high. However, it was at this stage that the club cleared Brad Trevenan to Waroona where he took on the position of coach and we also lost five or six other players through clearances to local clubs. This may well be due in part to the policy of not paying players. No recruiting of new players occured to replace this loss which left a gap in the team line up.

Injuries also began to take their toll, putting players of the calibre of Reynolds, Sullivan and Fandry out of the game for several weeks. We began to lose games and that very vital enthusiasm started to wane. The rest of the games of the first round saw Mandurah defeated and it wasn't until we played Kalamunda at home in the second round that the fourth and final victory for the year was recorded. From this point on things went very badly with the team being defeated by big margins week after week. Attendance at training dropped off and players became very despondent.

It was, however, fortunate that we managed to end the season on a brighter note by drawing the final game of the year with Armadale. This does not disguise the previous poor performances, however, nor the fact that the club needs to take stock before the start of the 1977 season. The club needs more good players and needs to keep them so an aggressive recruitment programme is obviously what is required to bolster flogging spirits. The club must also re-assess its policy on payment to players if it wishes to keep class players.

Socially and financially the club has been far more successful than on the field. A boat raffle early in the year raised approximately $4,000 which was a prosperous beginning to the 1976 season. Two most enjoyable cabarets, one of which was a fancy dress cabaret were held during the season. Both of the shows were successful financially as well as socially. Several 'players teas' were also held in an attempt to keep up the same level of enthusiasm as was evident early in the year. The end of year Presentation Dinner and cabaret are still in the future but it promises to be a wonderful night. All social events have been financial successes but even so, the club could still do with more money raising ventures if it hopes to continue to compete against the other teams in the South Suburban League.

No club would survive without both its players and tireless workers in the background, many of whom deserve special mention. Among the players, the club's Fairest and Best for both the league and Reserves teams are to be congratulated on their many fine perform ances. In the league team Geoff Rees won the award followed closely by the evergreen Rusty Renfry. The Reserves award went to Bill Doy and runner up was Danny Hillen. These players have perservered when victories were few and far between and have been great club men. Special congratulations must go to Robbie Rundell, who has won the Patrons Trophy for the Fairest and Best in the

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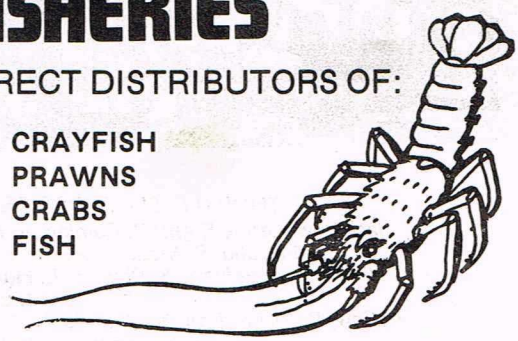

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Reserves competition. It is a great credit to Robbie, who is also the coach of the Mandurah Reserves team and the whole club is very proud of his achievement.

Two other players deserving congratulations are the winners of the clubs award for the most improved players in the league and reserves teams. They are Shane Sutton for the league and Gilbert Turner for the reserves. It is very encouraging for the club to see these young players improving so much during the season.

Coach, Norbert Fandry, must be congratulated for his untiring efforts throughout the season. The side's good early form was directly attributable to his enthusiasm and football knowledge. A lack of skilled players later in the season made his task an unenviable one, but it was one that he stuck to admirably.

The committee has been comprised of tireless workers but perhaps the most deserving of all are John Williams and his social committee, who organised the shows and the food each week!. John and the committee members have put in a full season's work and looked after the rest of us magnificently. The Hough family were instrumental in ensuring the success of the raffle early in the year and are to be sincerely thanked for their efforts. It was with regret that we accepted the resignation of Colin Glasson from the committee when his employment took him away from the local area. Colin has been a stalwart of the club and is not easily replaced. There have been many people, without whose effort the club would not have had such a good season. The club sincerely thanks all of those people **who have supported it both on and off the field.**

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KALAMUNDA FOOTBALL CLUB

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Coach — League: K. Smith
Coach — Reserves: J. Brown

Committee: D. Humphries, G. Foreman, N. Blackburn, A. Blackburn, K. Bingham, D. Saunders, T. Chapman, G. O'Grady, C. Jordon, S. Jackson, M. Lavelle.
Trainer: G. Goddard.
Team Manager: R. Hunter

This season on the field performances could not be considered as a successful cumulation of the efforts of committee members and the coaches dedication to improving the standard of our play. We can however point out to our supporters that the club engaged on a three year policy with financial and practical objectives to achieve goals by the season 1977.

We aimed at 5 wins for the 1976 period and whilst we fell short of this target, a general scoring potential increase of 6 goals per match was evident in contrast to 1975 results. This in itself was gratifying, however one has to be successful if the club is to prosper.

Kalamunda has in the past relied on our young local talent, and we have some very fine exponents of the game in this type of player. We are now in the market for experienced players to boost the confidence of these young people. You only had to look at the professional attitude of the two grand final teams with a total of 17 former W.A.N.F.L. players to gauge total requirements need to gain results. To ken Smith and Jeff Brown go our thanks for a job well done in the coaching department, both were dedicated in their application of job performance.

Supporters — rally around the club — give your services to aid our climb to standards we are setting for the club in 1977.

Our thanks go to the many willing helpers for this season, and we trust you will all one day enjoy the success that will in the future come our way.

SEASON 1976 AWARDS

LEAGUE:
Fairest and Best — Ian Price
Runner Up — Ken Smith
Coaches Award — Terry Enright
Most Courageous — John Wilson — Terry Chapan
Most Improved — Paul Gower

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1963	P. GARRETT	F. SEMMENS	R. BLACKBURN	R. BLACKBURN	J. WOODWARD
1964	F. SEMMENS	E. MILLS	R. BLACKBURN	R. BLACKBURN	J. WOODWARD
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1966	D. SHEPPARD	S. JARVIS	R. BLACKBURN	R. BLACKBURN	P. GARRETT
1967	D. TUCKEY	V. COSTELLO	R. BLACKBURN	K. DAVIS	P. GARRETT
1968	D. TUCKEY	E. HENDERSON	R. BLACKBURN	D. DAVIS	R. BLACKBURN
1969	D. TUCKEY	E. HENDERSON	R. BLACKBURN	D. DAVIS	C. SIMCOCK
1970	D. TUCKEY	E. MILLS	R. BLACKBURN	D. DAVIS	C. SIMCOCK
1971	D. TUCKEY	E. MILLS	R. BLACKBURN	K. DAVIS	C. SIMCOCK
1972	D. TUCKEY	E. MILLS	R. BLACKBURN	K. DAVIS	C. SIMCOCK
1973	D. TUCKEY	F. WATSON	R. BLACKBURN	K. DAVIS	C. SIMCOCK
1974	F. WATSON	ab. rayment	R. BLACKBURN	R. BLACKBURN	C. SIMCOCK
1975	S. GODBER	R. PHILLIPS	R. BLACKBURN	R. PORTSMOUTH	
1976	R. BLACKBURN	D. SHEPHARD (S.A.)	A. BRUCE	R. PORTSMOUTH	MRS. W. BRUCE

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LEAGUE PREMIERS SINCE 1960 (Trial Year)

1960 Mandurah d. Pinjarra
1961 Canning d Armadale1962 Kelmscott d Gosnells
1963 Gosnells d Mandurah
1964 Gosnells d Canning
1965 Canning d Maddington (after drawn game)
1966 Maddington d Victoria Park
1967 Victoria Park d Maddington
1968 Victoria Park d Gosnells
1969 Belmont Vic. Park d Mandurah
1970 Gosnells d Belmont Vic. Park.
1971 Maddington d Mandurah
1972 Mandurah d Kenwick
1973 Gosnells d Maddington
1974 Maddington d Kelmscott
1975 Maddington d Gosnells
1976 Maddington d Kelmscott

Prior to the forming of the present League, Premiers in the South Suburban Football Association have been — 1938 — Canning, 1939 — Kelmscott, 1940 — Armadale, 1941 — Canning, 1942-1943 — No Competition, 1944 — Armadale, 1945 — Canning, 1946 — Maddington, 1947-48-49 — Canning, 1950 — Gosnells, 1951 — Canning, 1952-53 — Maddington, 1954 — Gosnells, 1955-56 — Canning, 1957 — Gosnells, 1958 — Canning, 1959 — Maddington, 1960 — Mandurah.

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1966 R. Clemesha (Maddington) . . . . . 95 goals
1967 R. Clemesha (Maddington) . . . . . 62 goals
1968 J. Dawson (Victoria Park) . . . . . 71 goals
1969 M. Murray (Mandurah) . . . . . 85 goals
1970 B. Collopy (South Perth) . . . . . 74 goals
1971 R. Vincent (Gosnells) . . . . . 106 goals
1972 J. Garnaut (Mandurah) . . . . . 86 goals
1973 F. Lewis (Maddington) . . . . . 65 goals
1974 D. Lightfoot (Kelmscott) . . . . . 58 goals
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1969 W. Watts, Mandurah
1970 G. Searle, South Perth
1971 B. Clarke, Maddington — Won on countback from W. Grittiths, Gosnells
1972 W. Griffiths, Gosnells
1973 C. Blakemore, Kalamunda
1974 B. Stockden, Maddington
1975 D. Rintoul, Mandurah
1976 G. Greer, Armadale.

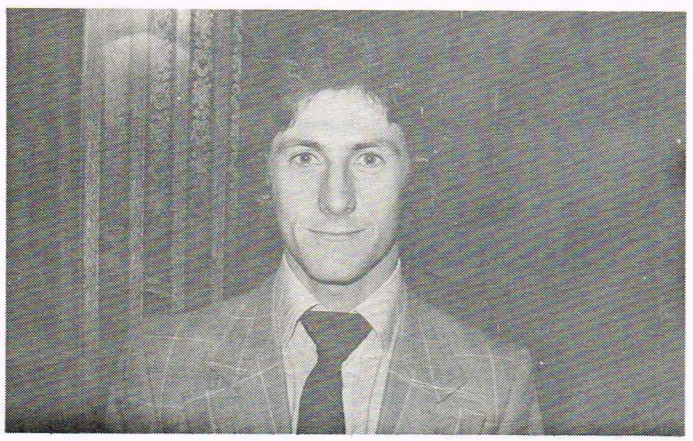
S.S.M.N.F.L. UMPIRES' REPORT 1976

If pre-season training was any indication, then 1976 was destined to be a good year. A strong feeling of enthusiasm prevailed and the first games of the season produced good standards of umpiring mid way through the first round, in the midst of a controversy over match payments for boundary umpires. This standard was not maintained The slub was quickly arrested and with greater application the umpiring continued to improve until the season's completion.

1976 has seen the most professional approach by umpires of the S.S.M.N.F.L. as a whole. Training was held twice weekly for field and boundary umpires. Competition for games was strong with the inclusion to the panel of Stewart Bell and Peter Hall from Junior ranks. This surplus of umpires proved a healthy situation and it is to be hoped that the league will make payments attractive enough for 1977 to keep this surplus.

In signing off I would like to thank all umpires for their co-operation in 1975 and 1976.

Listed below are a few lines on the top four umpires for 1976.



G. FOGARTY
Age 24. Graham began umpiring with the South Fremantle juniors. He joined the S.S.M.N.F.L. in 1975 and was runner up in the Umpire of the Year Award in the same year he also handled the Reserve's Grand Final. 1976 saw Graham continue to improve to the extent, where he won the Umpire of the Year Award for his consistent performances.

L. EYERS
Age 30. In his tenth year of umpiring Les has enjoyed one of his best seasons. After experience in the Great Northern Association Les joined the W.A.N.F.L. Panel for one season, before in 1975 joining S.S.M.N.F.L. 1976 capped off a great season being runner up to the Umpire of the Year Award — , losing by only 0.04%

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G. ZANICH
Age 25. Since progressing from S.S.M.N.F.L. Juniors having four seasons. Graham continued to improve and develop into the best locally produced umpire on the panel. He was Umpire of the Year 1975 and had control of the League Grand Final in the same year. Illness affected Graham's mid-season performances this year, but he still emerged as a top umpire.

R. HURLEY
Age 28. Rod has been with S.S.M.N.F.L. for eight years. The highlight of his career was a second semi final in 1975. It appeared Rod was set to go in 1976 and his greater dedication was paying dividends. An unfortunate ankle injury sustained at training sidelined Rod for several weeks. To his credit he came back to further improve from where he left off.

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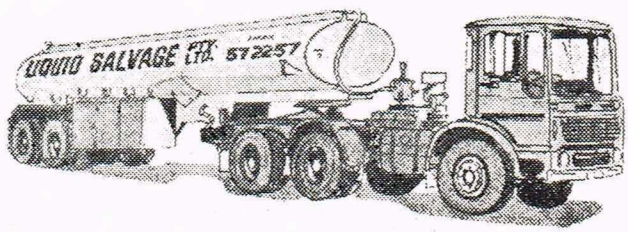

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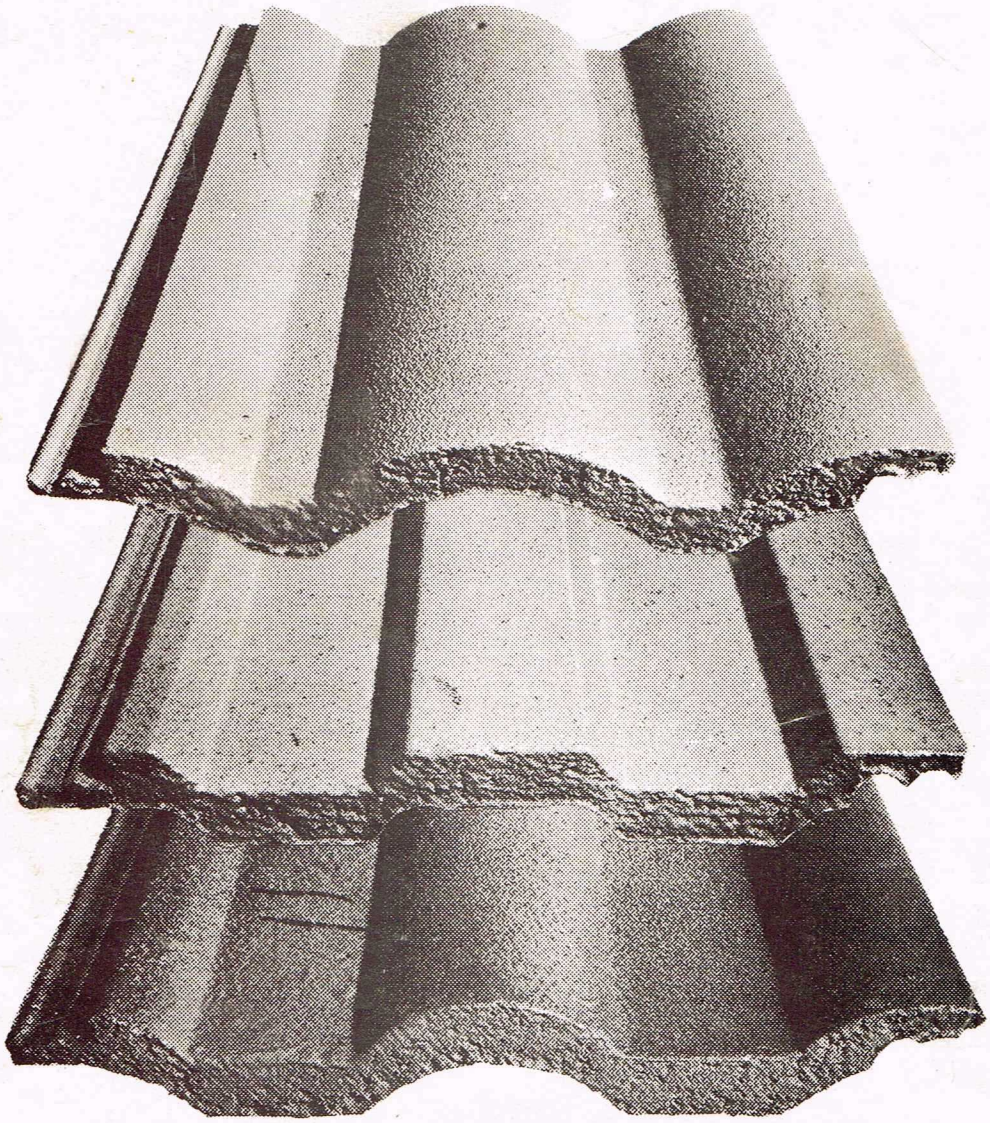

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